

**Comment Of The Day**

**BACKGROUND TO RENTS**

RECENTLY the China Mail had occasion to deplore the "steamroller tactics" employed by Government spokesmen in the budget debate. Today we go to the other extreme and discuss an issue on which they have been positively pussy-footed—but this time with good reason. We refer to the thorny question of rent decontrol.

It was raised recently by Mr. H. D. M. Barlow, unofficial MLC at the annual meeting of Hongkong Land, Investment. He said there was no longer justification for continuing control in any form in the central area of Victoria because of the greatly increased office accommodation available.

MR R. C. LEE, unofficial MLC, in his budget speech proposed an amendment to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance to allow parties agreeing on compensation to contract out from the provisions of the ordinance to avoid costly and time-consuming proceedings before Tenancy Tribunals. And the Colonial Secretary agreeing that some modifications along these lines might be possible, had this to say on the Ordinance as a whole:

"Following upon last year's debate when the senior unofficial member suggested that the time was ripe for a review of the ordinance, there has been close consultation between Government and unofficial MLCs on various of its provisions, including those referred to and also upon the possible desirability of setting up Fair Rent Tribunals."

THUS another year has passed without action on decontrol. It will be recalled that increases in pre-war rents were last permitted seven years ago. An attempt to do so in 1956 fell through when Government was forced to withdraw legislation because of public opposition. Clearly Government cannot let this happen a second time even though unofficial MLCs now favour changes to the ordinance.

THE problem of grasping the rent might appear far less formidable if Government looked at it in terms of scrapping the existing Landlord and Tenant Ordinance completely, as we suggested almost a year ago, removing the anomalies which exist, and replacing it with an entirely new ordinance. As we pointed out earlier while landlords of pre-war buildings are restricted to charge what they want, on principal tenants who are free to charge what they want.

THIS is the same anomaly of the existing ordinance and if this is to be rectified, something more than just progressive decontrol is necessary. Another disagreeable feature of the rent ordinance is that postwar landlords are free to charge what they want when in fairness to the tenant there ought to be some control. Not only are postwar landlords able to charge what they want but they seem able to build what they want and certainly in this respect there ought to be much greater control than exists today.

**Caused misery and anxiety judge says**  
**BIG UK FRAUD SENSATION**

**Former Mias group officials sent to prison**

London, Apr. 4. Louis Granville Gordon, 41, former Chairman and Managing Director of the Mias Group of companies — alleged to have liabilities of £465,000 — was jailed for eight years here today for conspiracy to defraud and causing a cheque to be delivered by false pretences.

**Lung cancer victim sues tobacco company**

Pittsburgh, Apr. 4. A man today, sued a leading tobacco company in the U.S. district court for damages claiming his lung cancer was caused by smoking cigarettes.

Otto Pritchard, 61, brought the action in 1954 against Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company one year after an alleged cancerous right lung was removed. Extensive research by lawyers delayed bringing the case to trial. The case finally began in court today.

SMOKED REGULARLY. Mr. Pritchard claimed he had smoked the firm's cigarettes regularly for 23 years. He accused the company of negligence in design and manufacture of its product, and failure to warn the public of "inherent danger" which the company knew or should have known existed.

Attorney James P. McArdle, representing plaintiff, told the jury, "This is not a frivolous case nor an experiment in law."

He said he would prove that tars in cigarette smoke can cause lung cancer over a long period. He added: "If it weren't for those tars, what you'd be smoking would be hot air."—AP.

Three other men, and Mias Holdings Ltd. were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud. Francis Thomas Duffy, 39, company director, and Denis Gordon Coleman, 40, former secretary and a director of the Mias Group, were each given three year jail sentences. Arthur Rowley, 45, builder, was jailed for two years. All had pleaded not guilty.

**INSOLVENT**

During the trial, the prosecution alleged that Gordon and his co-defendants had fraudulently represented the group as being prosperous and successful when it was insolvent. The group went into compulsory liquidation in 1958 with a deficiency of £465,000, most of it owed to small investors, the prosecution alleged.

The judge told the accused today: "It was a fraud which was brazen, pitiless and callous, practised ruthlessly and with persistence until public pressure forced its discontinuance."

"The misery and anxiety that you must have caused must have been tremendous. Of having listened in vain for one word of regret or remorse or sorrow from any single one of you."

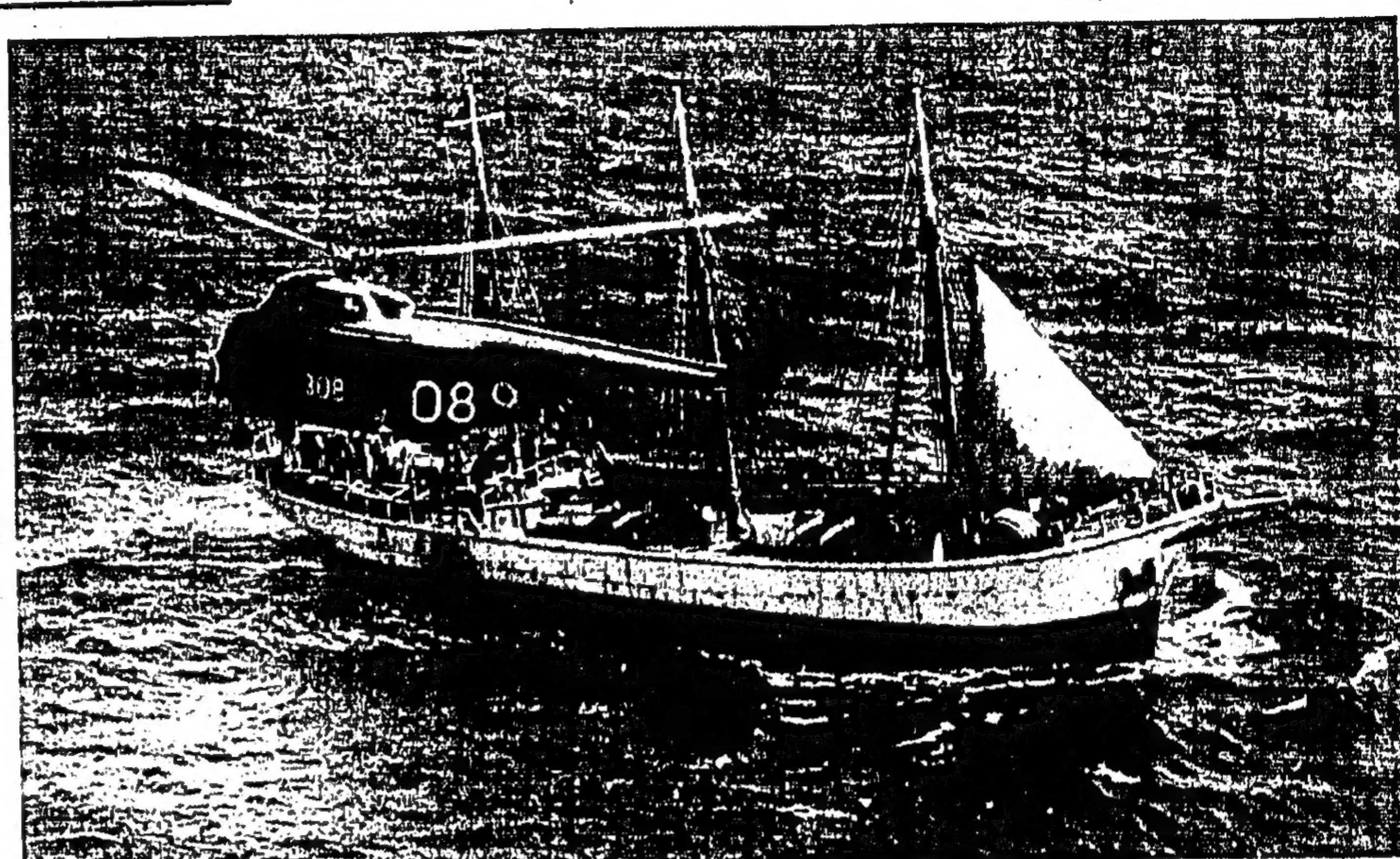
Counsel for Gordon had asked the judge to take the view that the Mias Group was not conceived in fraud but that the original intention had been to build up a substantial property business on borrowed money.—China Mail Special.

**Airliner develops oxygen trouble**

Paris, Apr. 4. A hostess and a steward of an Air France Boeing 707 jetliner which took off from Paris for New York last night fell unconscious when the aircraft's pressurisation system broke down at an altitude of about 23,000 feet, airport officials said here today.

The plane with 62 people aboard—55 passengers and seven crew—was 25 minutes flying time from Paris when the trouble occurred. Individual oxygen masks were automatically released from their compartments over each seat and the hostess and steward aided the passengers to don them as quickly as possible.

**Royal Navy to the rescue**



**Mr Amory's budget proposals opposed**

London, Apr. 4. Twelve extreme right wing Conservatives went into open revolt against the proposed budget increases today.

They abstained when the government called for a vote on the suggested increase in the tobacco tax.

Later Lord Hinchinbrooke, Conservative Independent MP and leader of the rebel group, declared in the lobby that the Budget had profoundly shocked the group.

**Disappointing**

He added that they had expected a reduction of taxation both in industry and among the liberal professions.

The chancellor has in fact advocated an increase in those sectors.

Mr Hugh Galskell, leader of the Labour Opposition, said the budget presented today would disappoint many who had voted for the Conservatives at the last general election.

But it was the usual pattern when Conservatives were in power—an easy budget with plenty of tax concessions before an election followed by toughness with the taxpayer as soon as the election was over.

The loosening of the law on death duty would open still further a loophole of which people were at present taking advantage, he said.

Mr Galskell also criticised the failure to give the old age pensioner "a single penny" in what the Government believed was a period of unparalleled prosperity.

**Shocked**

A spokesman for the National Union of Retail Tabacconists said "we are shocked" by the increase in tobacco tax. "The industry is heavily penalized already by this vicious tax," he said, "and this increase can only be regarded as most

unfair to that section of the public who are already contributing so greatly to the National Revenue."

But the increased tax was welcomed by the Rev. Hubert Little, Secretary of the National Society for Non-Smokers.

"We hope this will be a useful deterrent to smoking," he declared.

**Loopholes sealed**

The British Government in its annual budget today hit at smokers' pleasures, wine-drinkers and sealed a variety of loopholes which have enabled many people to laugh at the tax-collector.

It was a cautious budget aimed at ensuring that Britain's current era of prosperity will not collapse through lack of restraint.—AFP & Reuter.

**Gateman fined for pushing woman off bus**

A 27-year-old Kowloon bus gateman, Ho Tung, who pushed a woman passenger off a moving bus was fined \$100 by Mr. D. Garcia at Kowloon Court this morning.

He was ordered to pay \$75 compensation.

He pleaded not guilty. Wai Lai-ling said that on March 1, she was waiting to board a bus at a bus-stop at Tam Kung Road, near Sun Shan Road.

She was the last person to board the bus. When she stepped onto the platform, defendant rang the bell and as the bus moved off he used his left hand to push her to the ground.

She said she fell to the ground bumping her head and cutting it.

The bus drove off but stopped after 30 feet. Then the defendant got off the bus and walked back to her.

He looked at her but said nothing. He then returned to the bus which moved off.

The witness said that a man came to her help, took her in a taxi to the police station where the matter was reported.

Later she was taken to the Kowloon Hospital where doctors inserted stitches in a wound on the left side of her head.

She was detained in hospital for two days as a result of the fall.

**Bus was full**

Lau Chi-hing, splinter of Oriental Textile Co., testified that on March 1 he was walking along Tam Kung Road when he saw the woman boarding the bus.

He said he saw the gateman push the woman off the bus while it was moving. He went to her help.

He said that although he called out to the gateman to stop the bus went on its way.

In mitigation, the gateman denied pushing the woman off. He said that although he had told her that the bus was full, she had tried to get aboard and as the bus was moving off, she fell.

He said that he had asked her if she was all right and she had replied that she was. He said he then returned to the bus.

The Magistrate, in sentencing, He said he was taking a serious view of this case. He added that defendant had no authority to push anybody off the bus.

**Aground**

London, Apr. 4. The British Submarine Narwhal tonight ran aground in heavy weather off the west coast of Scotland.

An Admiralty spokesman said there was no immediate danger to the 70 crewmembers.



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## Police hunt for man involved in mystery deaths of 2 women

Boston, Mass., Apr. 4. Detectives and pathologists worked on a grim puzzle today: the mystery of two dead women left behind on successive nights in different Boston hotels by the same man.

On each night he registered the woman with him as his wife, using the same name and the same address.

The address was real: the home in suburban Norwood of a chauffeur to a high Massachusetts state official. The chauffeur was unable to help in identifying the man.

Pathologists made chemical tests to determine how each woman died, for neither showed external signs of violence. Detectives hunted the dark, stocky, hawk-faced man who called himself George Maloot. They said his description was similar to that of a former convict who served sentences on rape and narcotics charges.

### ALCOHOLISM

The women were identified as Mrs. Anna Kennedy and Mrs. John Polchowicz. Police said both had records of alcoholism.

Mrs. Kennedy was an in-and-out mental hospital and nursing home patient without relatives.

She was living on welfare funds.

Mrs. Polchowicz, identified at the morgue by her invalid husband, wore the name "Pat" tattooed on her left thigh, with a heart.

When Mrs. Kennedy's body was found dead only in a house cool in a South End hotel bed on Friday afternoon it appeared to be just a death from natural causes. There was an identification card in her handbag.

Several hours later the same police-carrying man, who had brought her to the hotel as his wife, registered at another hotel with the younger woman.

When the body of the second woman was brought to the morgue, she also listed as "Mrs. George Maloot," a hunt for the stranger began.

Clues included drugs in a liquor bottle found in the first hotel, and the finger prints on the bottle.

Detectives said the man they were looking for was about 40, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, and weighed about 180 pounds.—AP.

## Johnnie Ray has lung infection



JOHNNIE RAY

New York, Apr. 4. Singer Johnnie Ray is suffering from an active lung infection that will incapacitate him for an indefinite period of time, it was announced today.

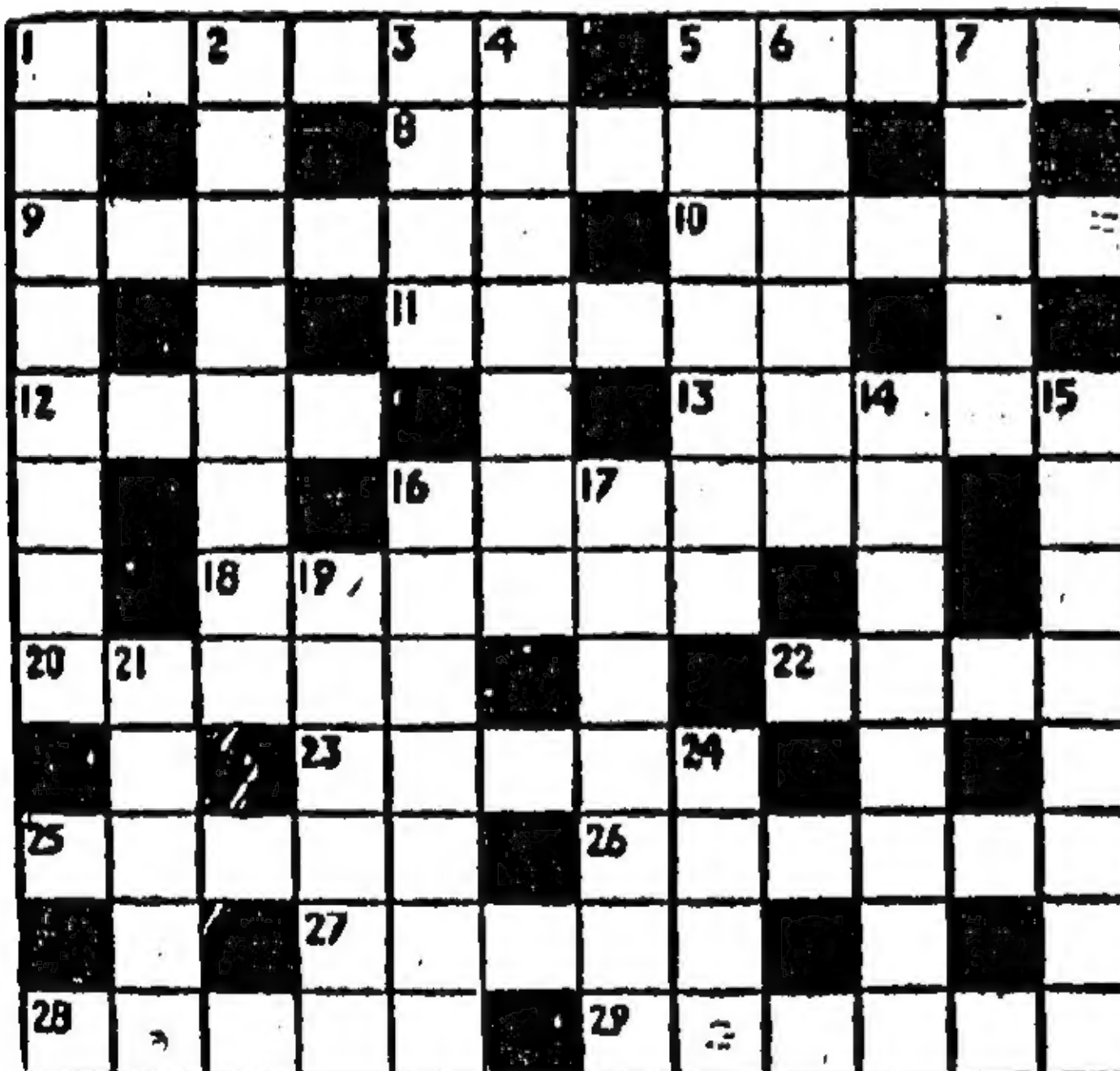
His physician, Dr. Kenneth Chesky, said the 35-year-old teen-age idol would remain in Mount Sinai hospital for at least four weeks for tests and treatment and probably will complete his convalescence at home.

"The diagnosis has not been established," Chesky said. "However, he is doing very satisfactorily."

Ray entered the hospital for observation last week after his return from a tour of England and Puerto Rico. Ray's manager, Bernie Lang, said the singer contracted a cough during the tour and "couldn't shake it."

"He thought it was just a cough, but it turned out to be much more serious than that," Mr. Lang said.—UPI.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**  
1 Musician I boost, possibly. (6)  
5 Not, it seems, an uninhabited spot. (5)  
8 Intended to produce an average letter. (5)  
9 Remove with a knife? (3, 3)  
10 Jump over the cellar. (5)  
11 West Country river. (5)  
12 Harry's fruit? (4)  
13 Natives of Latvia. (5)  
14 Inlet a penalty. (6)  
15 So accustomed to be plucked? (7)  
20 Outset? (5)  
22 Firmness of character. (4)  
23 Fasteners in football boots. (5)  
25 An African language. (5)  
26 Lily's habit? (6)  
27 But does it grow in a kiln? (5)  
28 Writer given sound advice to his public. (5)  
29 Bog of pertume. (6)

**DOWN**  
1 Kissing or close together. (8)  
2 He's always hopeful. (8)  
3 Black mark, must change. (4)  
4 It's victims find it hard to talk. (7)  
5 One deficient in health. (7)  
6 Fixed look. (6)  
7 French distinction. (5)  
8 Unqualified, as it were. (8)  
9 Take away. (8)  
10 Pimple. (7)  
11 Famous poem. (7)  
12 Disposition. (8)  
13 Mental picture. (5)  
14 Feminine name. (4)

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 El-even, 5 Racks, 8 Bone, 9 Ben-dog, 11 Tan-go, 12 Danger, 14 Roan, 16 Canon, 18 Amend, 19 Slot, 20 Repair, 24 Olive, 25 French, 26 Solo, 27 Sine, 28 Yankee, Down: 1 Elze, 2 Back, 3 Ebon, 4 Noddy, 5 R.E.-tract, 6 Convent, 7 Sloven-E, 10 Demon, 13 Goliath, 14 Hounion, 15 Address, 17 Aerie, 19 Supply, 21 Arse, 23 Rank, 25 Shoe.

## Police fire on Capetown Africans

Capetown, Apr. 4. Police opened fire on a crowd in Nyanga township near here today and a sergeant wounded four Africans at almost point-blank range.

There were clashes in other townships today, including one at Clermont, near Durban, where one African was killed and several people were injured, including police.

The men shot in Nyanga were taken to hospital with three other men and an African woman who had cuts and abrasions on her hands.

### UNRULY

Major J. J. Rheeder, District Commandant of Police at nearby Athlone, said the police opened fire on an unruly crowd of Africans who surged forward and threatened to attack them. Police earlier used batons on many "troublemakers and open intimidators" he said.

Afterwards the township had "quietened down," he added.

An Air Force Harvard plane and a helicopter continued to circle overhead.

Apart from a cordon of rifle-men and Bren gunners, three strong detachments of mobile reserves were standing by at strategic points on the perimeter of the township.

### CHILDREN SHOP

Large numbers of native children walked through the army cordon to make family purchases at shops in the area.

The Capetown medical officer Dr. E. D. Cooper, announced today an African woman of Nyanga township had died from typhoid fever.

He said he would only send a team to investigate how she contracted the disease when he felt sure it was safe to enter the township.—Reuter.

## SYDNEY'S JONES 'INVITED' TO ROYAL WEDDING

Sydney, Apr. 4. Scores of Jones families throughout Sydney have received "invitations" to attend Princess Margaret's wedding.

## Africans attack priest and nun

Nairobi, Apr. 4. A Roman Catholic priest, the Reverend Artinoro, and an African nun were attacked last night by a gang of armed Africans in their tiny mission at Gaturi, near Fort Hall in the centre of Kikuyuland.

Police said the gang broke into the mission and with knives slashed Artinoro on the arms and legs and cut the nun across the head.

Africans living near the mission heard screams and ran to the house. They captured an African they saw running away.

Father Artinoro's condition was reported today as not dangerous, but the nun reportedly had serious wounds.—AP.

## Gets new nose and is jilted

London, Apr. 4. Corporal Peter Kelly today told the plastic surgeon who straightened his nose that he has changed his mind.

He wants his old nose back. His fiancée, it seems, jilted him when she saw the replacement for his formerly flattened nose.

"I loved you the way you were," she said.

Kelly says he originally decided to have the operation when his Sergeant-Major called out, "hey, you with the conk, come here."

—Reuter.

But they're not from Buckingham Palace. A Sydney travel service sent them.

And the "invitations" omit to say that the cost of the round trip is £A600.

The "invitations" brought pleasure, then consternation and disappointment to Sydney's Jones.

On high-quality paper, and printed in silver, the "invitations" said:

"The wedding has been arranged between her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones to take place at Westminster Abbey on Friday, May 6."

"You are kindly invited to be in London for this occasion."

Overleaf, the "invitation" contained travel details.

Some thought it was a genuine invitation—China Mail Special.

## Yalta street named after Roosevelt

Moscow, Apr. 4. A street in Yalta has been named in honour of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who took part in a Big Three meeting with Stalin and Winston Churchill in that city in February, 1945.

The Ukraine Ministerial council said the decision was made in view of the part played by Roosevelt in developing friendly relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.—AFP.

### Weather photos

Washington, Apr. 4. The new U.S. weather satellite took cloud cover pictures over much of the United States, the Pacific, and central America today, and was ordered to photograph the top of the weather over eastern Russia.—UPI.

## Queen confers barony on Sir Gladwyn

London, Apr. 5. The Queen today conferred a Barony on Britain's Ambassador to France, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, hours before French President Charles De Gaulle's state visit to Britain.

The 60-year-old Sir Gladwyn Jebb is due to retire from the Foreign Office this month and will be able to take a seat in the House of Lords.

There has been persistent speculation that Prime Minister Mr. Macmillan, had earmarked him for an important new post, possibly within the Government.

He will be able to choose his own title as a peer.

The honour accorded him partly was in recognition for his important diplomatic achievements in arranging for President De Gaulle to make his state visit to Britain.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb has held posts in Tehran, Rome and New York, where in 1947 he served as acting U.N. Secretary General.—AP.

## Three youths lost — found dead

Caernarvon, Apr. 4. Three boys lost on Saturday while climbing Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales, were reported by searchers today to have been found dead.

The boys, all aged 16, were found roped together at the bottom of a 250-foot depression into which they had fallen.

Over 100 people including a Royal Air Force mountain rescue team, joined today in the resumed search, halted last night by mist on the 3,560-foot mountain.

The boys, Tony Evans, John Branchley and John Itches, all from the London area, were taking part in a 10-day cadet leadership course.

### TRAGEDY

In another weekend tragedy at Canary Island, in the River Thames, three young local residents were lost, believed drowned.

The men, Michael Daniels and Robert Fuller, both 21, and Albert Talbot, 22, were last seen on Sunday morning walking out from shore across mud flats to where their boat was stranded in the river.—Reuter.

## Policeman is killed

Havana, Apr. 4. A local policeman assigned to Cuba's national capital shot and killed a national police officer today on a busy street corner and told investigators his victim had been a Batista henchman, officials reported. Details were withheld pending an investigation.—AP.

### Consolation

Liverpool, Apr. 4. Michael Fitzgerald, 60-year-old watchman of Schweppes soft drink depot here, told police he had no consolation when two masked burglars attacked and tied him up today. "They were very polite," he said.—UPI.

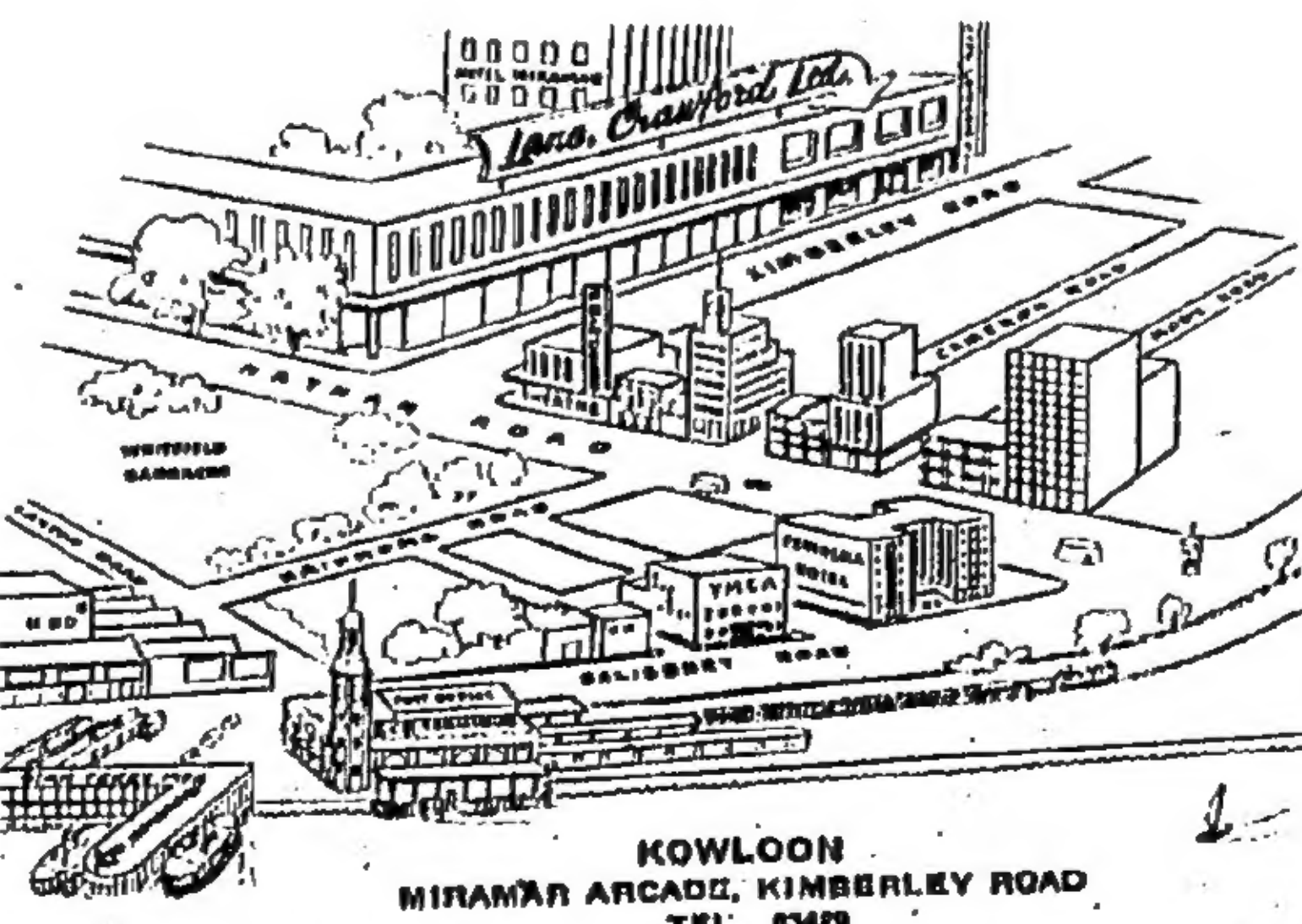
### Tickets booked

London, Apr. 4. The Old Vic Theatre, about to produce James M. Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows," said today it has had several applications for tickets to "What Every Woman Would Like To Know."—UPI.

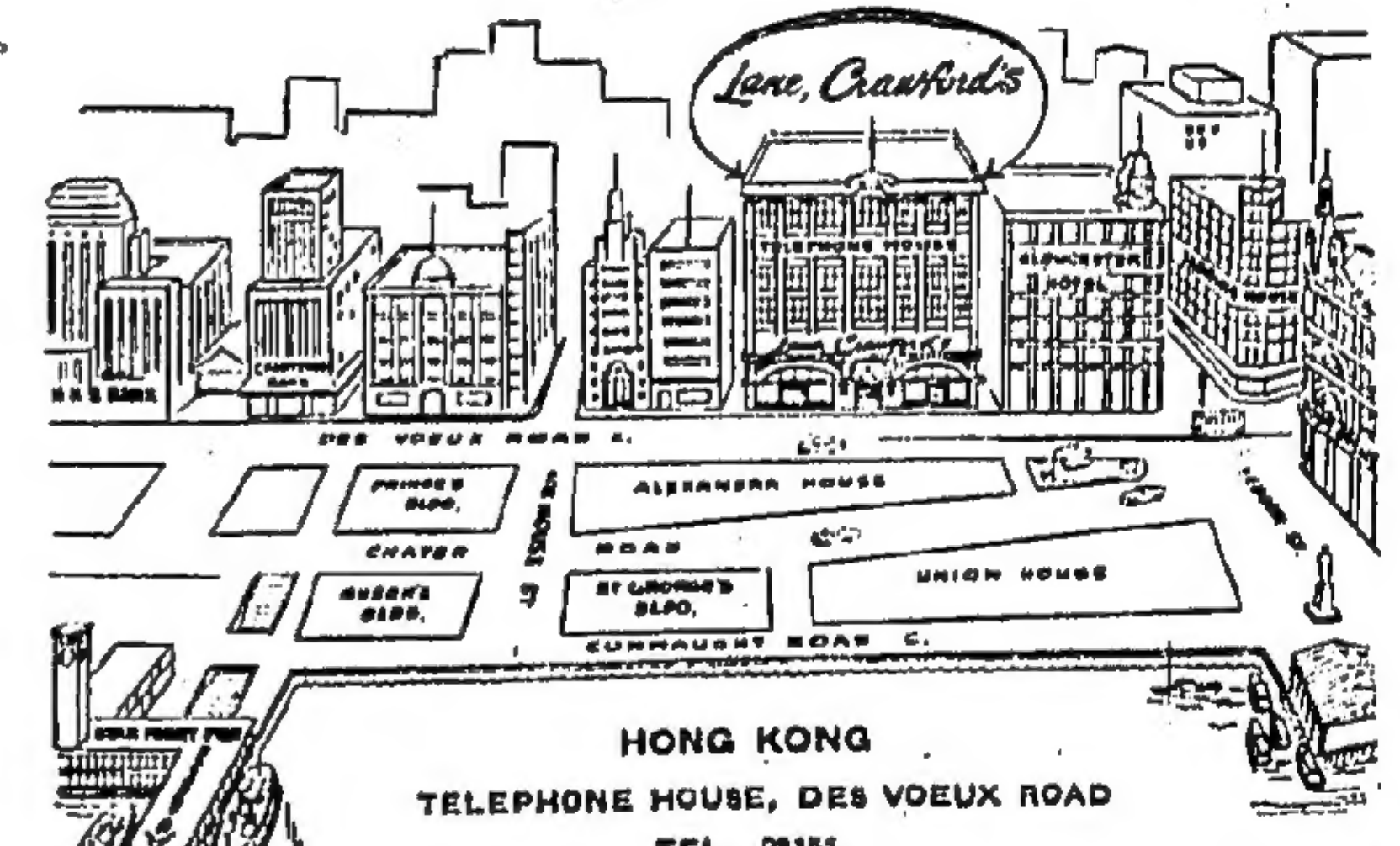
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# 'POLTERGEIST' EXPOSED!

## A THREE-WEEK INVESTIGATION GETS HISTORIC PICTURE OF 'BUMPS IN THE NIGHT' IN ACTION...AND EXPLODES MYTH

by  
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London.

**A**ROUND midnight on Sunday, March 6, two doctors went to a terrace house in Salford, Lancs, and took a small boy to hospital. Now certain people should feel ashamed, and some should feel disgraced, because of their superstition, ignorance and busybody tampering which for nearly three months kept this boy from medical help. And made him worse.

The boy is Alan Hill, aged 12, who lives with his parents, and his grandmother at No. 24, Tully Street, where for these three months there were bumps and rappings in the night. They were caused, said the credulous people, by a poltergeist or "restless spirit."

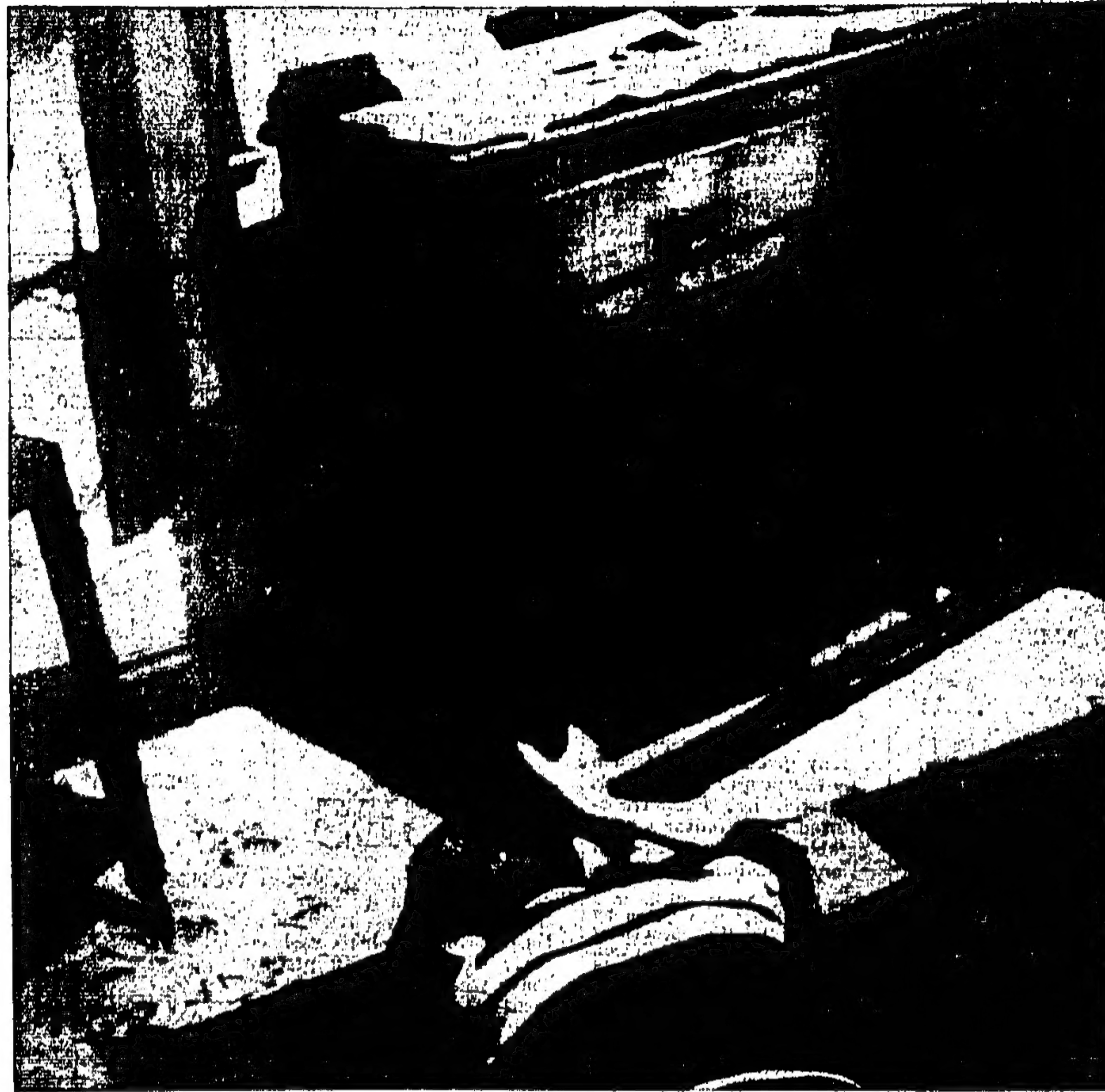
Most of them enjoyed their belief. I am telling Alan's story, after investigating it for three weeks, because it is typical of other poltergeist stories which regularly make news and because the truth now may help expose much medieval and near-evil nonsense.

The story begins at Christmas when Mr. Jack Hill, machinist in his forties, and his wife Olive, 38, heard very loud noises, particularly the noise of a bouncing ball, coming from upstairs. The noises occurred most nights between 11 p.m. (Alan's bedtime) and 1 a.m. Neighbours heard them, and even people across the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill were sleepless, distressed, and bewildered. They did not suspect Alan. True, the noises stopped when they rushed up to his room, but he always seemed asleep. Then three groups of people came to help in their curious ways. The officials, the clergy, the medical researchers. They all had one thing in common: good intentions.

First the officials. The police, the gas men, the water board men, the town hall people, two head masters, and a school inspector. They found nothing and went away.

No one obeyed the first rule in investigating "poltergeists"—to look for a troubled child. No one thought that Alan, with his sensitiveness and his



'Poltergeist' in action... Alan Hill, in deep trance, drags heavy sideboard across room



THE BOY, ALAN HILL

nervousness, might be a sick boy. Then the Rev. Edward Dimond, 33, rector of St James's,

Salford, announced through the B.B.C. that he believed the noises were made by a "restless spirit."

And at around 11 p.m. on Monday, February 22, he and the Rev. Frederick Osborn, of St Clement's, Manchester, arrived with cassocks and crucifixes and prayer books and faith to exorcise this "spirit."

The exorcism was thorough and awesome, but not a success. These gentle men now have to face that although they tried, in their way, to help this family their ancient faith served only to make a sick boy more afraid.

Members of the Manchester Society for Psychical Research also tried to help, sincerely, in their way. But their sincerity



INVESTIGATOR COHEN

was, in my view, dangerous; as sincerity sometimes is.

I first met Mr. David Cohen, the society's investigating officer, on the night of the exorcism service though he had already been interesting himself in the affair for some time.

Mr. Cohen, 45-year-old bachelor, is not typical of psychical researchers. The first step in a serious investigation would have been to make sure Alan could not make the noises himself. Mr. Cohen did not take this step, nor did anyone else.

Ironically, no one ever had Alan in full view while the noises went on. Yet everyone agreed "it couldn't possibly be Alan."

Mr. Cohen based his investigation on, for me, unbelievable beliefs which so far as I understood him went like this:

### Macabre

A "spirit" was using Alan as a medium to get messages to Mrs. Freda Roberts (who lives next door). This "spirit" was "Teddy Roberts," Mrs. Roberts's father-in-law, who died four years ago, and Mr. Cohen, in order to receive the messages, had "deceased" it in a tapping code. A—one tap; B—two taps; Z—20 taps.

"There's no danger," Mr. Cohen assured me and everyone, "because the spirit entity will leave Alan alone once it has given its final message."

The "spirit" had already, during February, delivered some messages. It said "Sheffield Wednesday will win the Cup."

One of the more macabre aspects of this whole affair was the neurotic excitement, the diseased delight, shown by many of the people concerned with it. Yet not all these people were unintelligent.

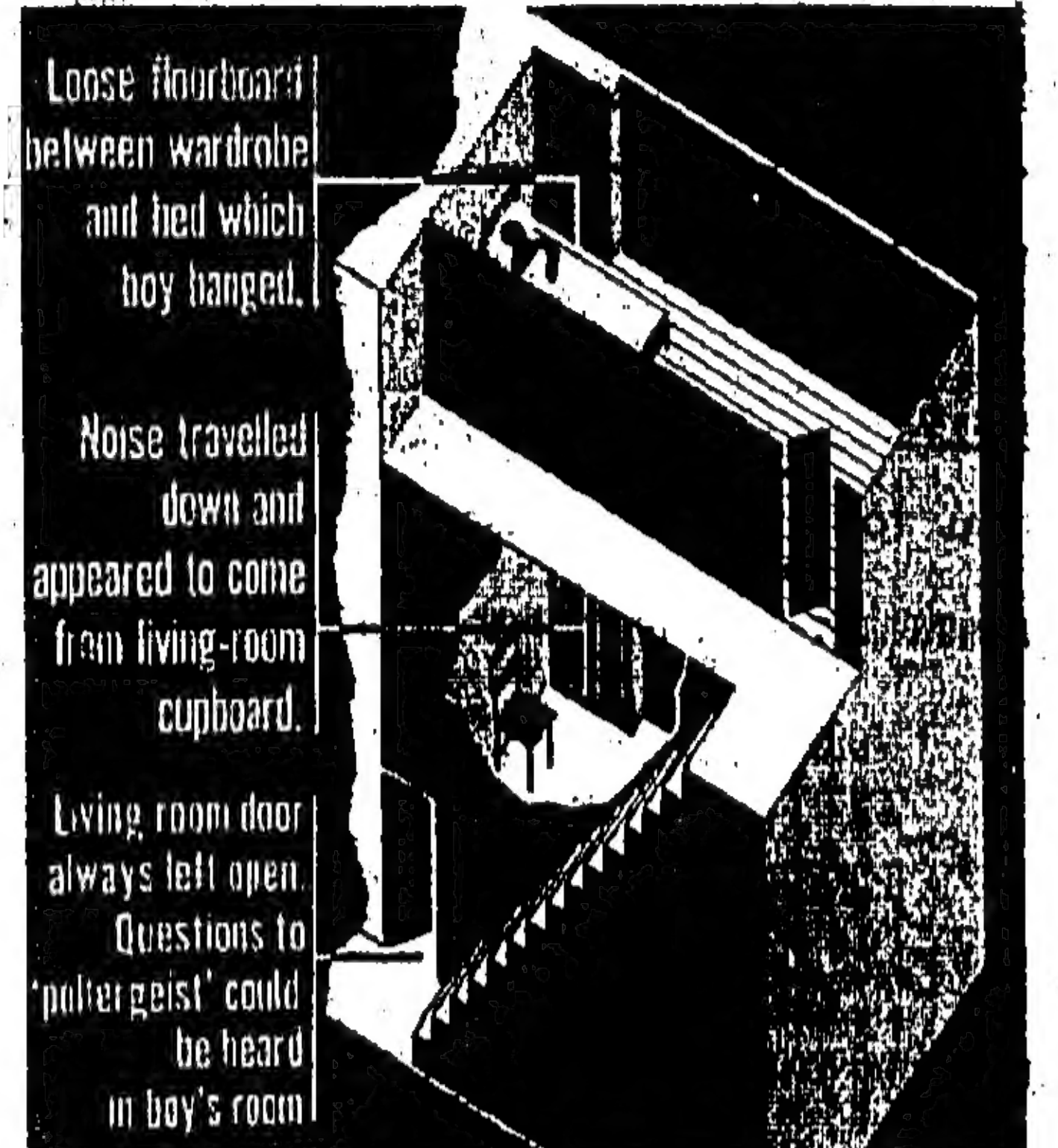
## THE 'EXORCISM'...



At the exorcism service... Mr. Osborn, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Dimond



Where it happened... the house in Tully Street. And (right) how it happened. This diagram, by Raymond Hawkey, shows how the investigators were able to observe the boy with the "poltergeist."



Pictures by Edward Rawlinson

The doctor and the hospital consultant withdrew from the case. They felt, rightly, they could not be associated with this sort of thing.

Raymond Hawkey and I heard about this and returned to Tully Street on Sunday, March 6, to find the situation greatly worsened. The mass hysteria was now dangerous.

### Footprints

One of the neighbours told me she had seen walking footprints on the carpet with no one there. Mrs. Hill said she had seen spoons flying and Alan said he had floated up to the ceiling.

Mrs. Hill believed this because she said she saw him floating up to the ceiling herself and had only just managed to haul him down by his trousers.

The noises stopped suddenly after one wild night when the eager crowd in the living room—neighbours, researchers and all—heard among other things the noise of heavy furniture being dragged about.

But now worse was happening. Alan was going into trance-like states several times a day—in full view of everyone—and his parents and the neighbours took this to mean he was en route for the ceiling.

So they were frightened and they struggled to hold him down and threw cold water in his face. And when they did this he got violent.

Hawkey and I watched one of these trances. It lasted half an hour and we saw Alan drag furniture we ourselves could drag only with effort. So this accounted for one aspect of the "poltergeist."

We had this trance photographed to prove at last Alan was responsible for the noises and was desperately needing medical care. And we gave the photographs to the doctors to help diagnosis.

Later this same evening of March 6 Mr. Cohen came. Since the trances, only he could get Alan to sleep. He had developed a friendship with the boy and he meant it kindly. But it was bad for Alan.

### To hospital

Something had to be done quickly. Hawkey and I urged Mr. and Mrs. Hill to send Mr. Cohen away and call back the doctors. Mr. Cohen went and I think he was relieved to go (after asking Mrs. Hill to write a letter expressing gratitude for all he had done). By midnight

Alan was in hospital. He is still there.

And a doctor told me: "His experiences since Christmas have made him worse."

Since he has been in hospital he has admitted making the noises—a medical symptom and, of course, nothing to do with "spirits"—and he says he did it chiefly by bending a loose floorboard with the bony side of his outstretched hand.

Alan was aware of it all, in a shadowy way, as a person hypnotised is aware. He tapped out the messages in the code taught him by Mr. Cohen, again in this trance-like state.

So this is the "Salford poltergeist." Almost the only people who came out well are Alan, and his parents who were helpless before these they believed must know better than they.

For most of these people now there will be only disappointment. They are cheated of their eager beliefs. No spirits, no messages, no octoplasms. Many will say: "It was only a sick child." They will say it, not with pity but with anger, and possibly no remorse at all. But for a few there will be real regret and pity. Perhaps in return they may be pitied too. And forgiven.

(London Express Service)

## The third jab—it's the one that matters...

**ARE** country-dwellers more health-conscious than town-folk? If enthusiasm to be "jabbed" with polio vaccine is any indication — they are.

The number who have received injections in rural districts differs markedly from that in industrial and heavily built-up areas.

In West Sussex, for instance, 94 per cent of one age group has been protected; in some towns as few as 30 per cent have come forward.

Yet the country folk often had further to travel for their dose.

Health experts are seriously alarmed at the poor response from the latest group to become eligible—aged 26 to 40. Unless they come forward immediately, they cannot get even two "jabs" before the summer polio season.

And thousands of youngsters who rushed forward after the death of Birmingham footballer Jeff Hall are now wide open to the disease again, if only in mild form.

These people took two injections, but have failed to turn up for their third vital "booster."

As one county medical officer put it: "It takes a tragedy to make Britons aware of danger."

**Flu-free**

**A** violent wave of influenza has swept the

## Peter Fairley talking to Dr. Gerald Edwards

Continent and the U.S. Yet Britain has had one of her best flu winters. Why?

The answer is that our epidemic last year left, in its wake, a high degree of natural immunity. Every time we get flu, a reaction begins, setting up hosts of antibodies inside us to resist the next dose. When many have fallen victim, this has the effect of protecting the population as a whole. But the resistance declines in time.

So next year may bring a different story.

**LATEST** aid to nursing—a microphone loudspeaker in every patient's cubicle, linked to a control unit in the sister's office. At the flick of a switch she can "tune in" to each patient in turn during the night. Or a patient can contact her.

**Those chairs.** ONE in every eight babies falls out of it high chair.

That is the conclusion of doctors at the Westminster Children's Hospital, who have been looking into the subject for four years.

Fortunately, broken bones or concussion are rare. Most babies escape with a shaking, a cut or a few bruises. Straps help to cut down the accident rate. But, doctors believe, about seven out of every 10 families use a high chair.

Designers should remember that parents cannot be watching ALL the time.

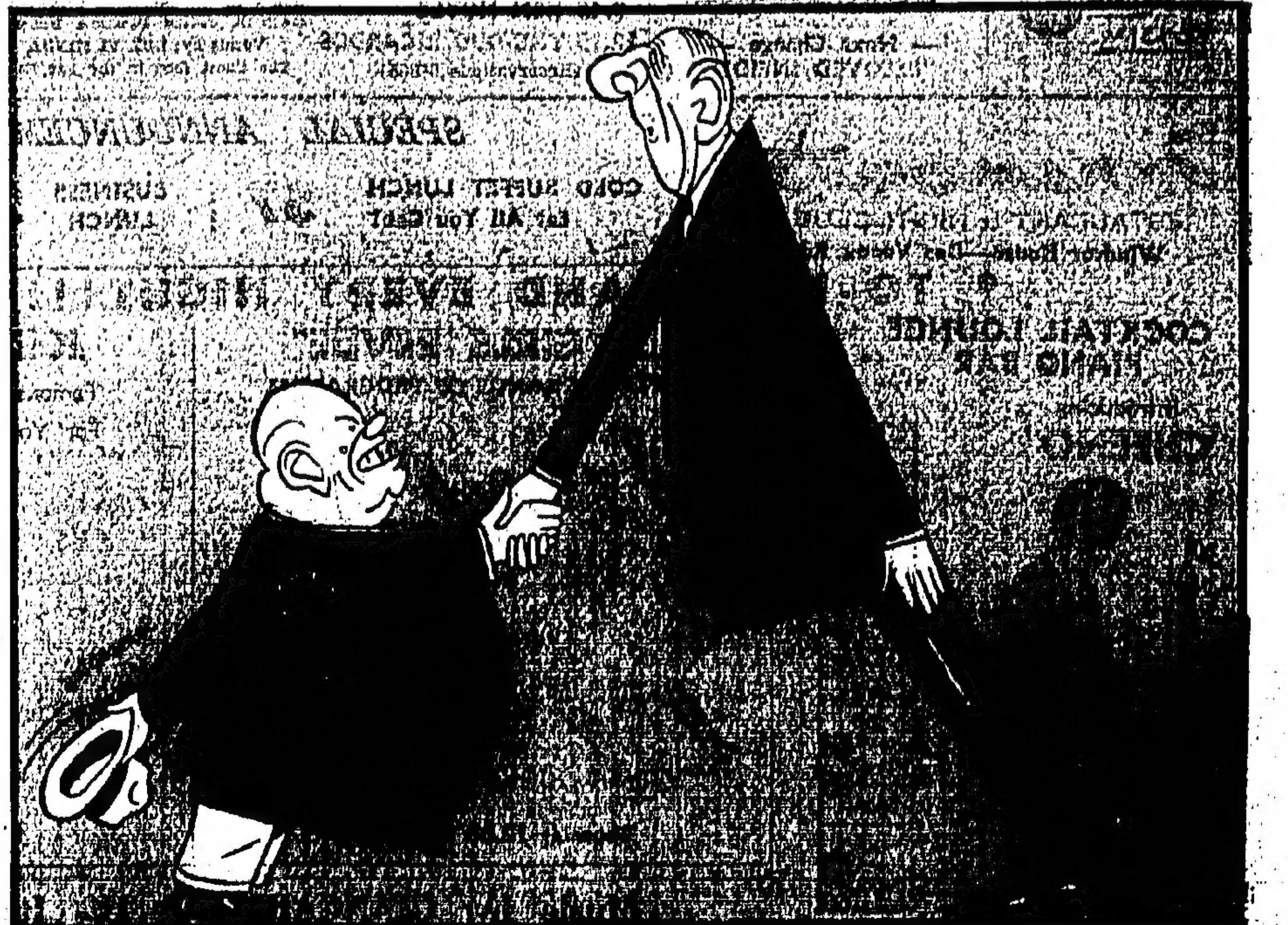
**The killer DIPHTHERIA** has broken out again in Britain. It is a painful, but badly needed reminder that we have not, as we thought 20 years ago, banished this deadly disease.

Before the war, one child died every three hours from the disease. In recent years, this has dropped to about one every three months. Thanks to immunisation.

The present outbreak has been brought rapidly under control. But we might easily have had a worse experience, because mothers today tend to forget diphtheria and neglect to have their children protected.

It is a killer. ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE BEEN WARNED.

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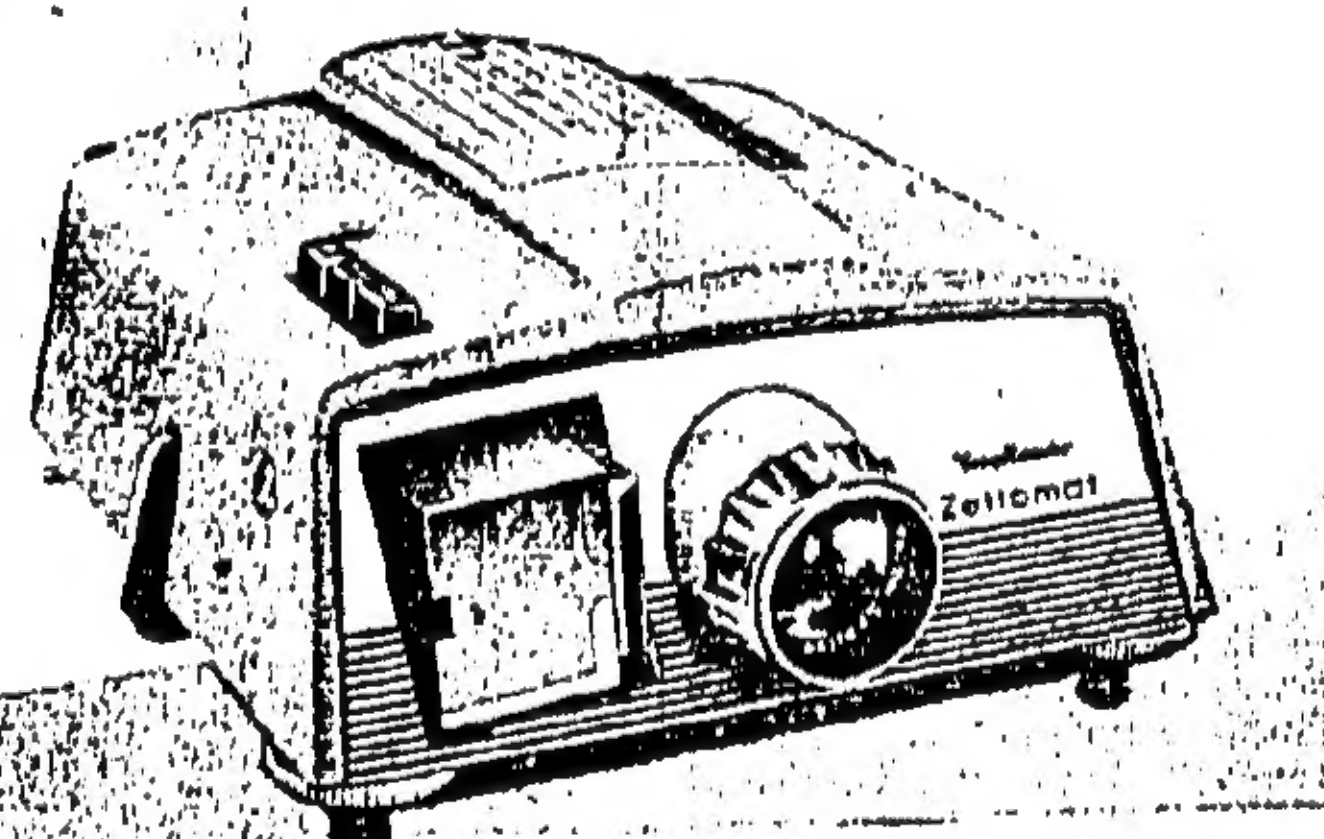
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## INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

# Ireland can shake the French champions at Paris on Saturday

By JOHN COTTRELL

If ever the outcome of a rugby international seemed clear-cut it is the meeting of France and Ireland in Paris on Saturday.

Ireland have lost every match this season; France are unbeaten and victory will give them a share of the International Championship with England.

Remember, too, that France completely outplayed Scotland and Wales at Murrayfield and Cardiff respectively, while Ireland lost to both countries on

their own ground at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.

Yet I believe Ireland have the all-round strength to cause the biggest upset in this season of surprises and end France's glorious run of victories which, in two seasons and a summer, has seen them beat South Africa and win the International Championship outright for the first time.

France have never had such a wealth of talent in first-class rugby. They have used 83 players in their successes of the last two seasons. While other countries stuck to a winning team, France were able to profit by making six changes for their last match against Wales. Their strength lies in their fast and furious forwards and scrum-half Lacroix who, combining with the re-arranged back row of Moola, Colaya and Crante, was responsible for three of the four tries scored at Cardiff.

### A mystery

Ireland, however, have the most impressive-looking pack of the home countries. They dominated the greater part of the games against England and Wales—and that they did so in vain is the mystery of the season.

Happily surprised supporters of England and Wales have argued that a team that fails to take its scoring chances does not deserve to win, however superior they may be in midfield.

At the time it should be noted that luck has been firmly against the Irish—as it was last season.

On the field, the ball has rarely bounced in their favour. Off the field, injuries have denied Ireland of the services of skipper and hooker Ronnie Dawson and three fast and dangerous three-quarters, Brophy, Flynn and O'Reilly.

Now Ireland are almost at full strength again. Dawson, captain of the Lions, is there to inspire the forwards. Flynn plays in the centre and Brophy comes in on the wing.

And their problems at half-back seem to have been solved by the return for the Welsh match of fly-half Seamus Kelly who won his three previous caps in 1954 and 1955. He is faster and more penetrative

than Mick English—and a deadly accurate place-kicker. Be sure that these Irishmen will put up a tremendous battle at Colombes, not to win honour, but to avoid disgrace.

They are still smarting from Scotland's first victory in Ireland for 27 years, and they have lost to all three home countries for the first time since 1938.

### Thrilling battle

Defeat now would make this Ireland's most disastrous season since 1910-20 when they lost all four matches in the International Championship. Victory would at least make Scotland share the wooden spoon with them.

Everything hinges on what promises to be the most thrilling forward battle of the season. If Ireland can hold the frisky-Frenchmen in the loose, they have the superior pace and power behind the scrum to gain a narrow victory.

But with the French backs always lying well up, the Irish will need to open up the game with the boot rather than the hand. And above all, they cannot afford to miss any more scoring chances.

## Championship standings

	P	W	D	L	Pts	F	A
England	4	3	1	0	40	26	10
France	3	2	1	0	32	22	10
Wales	4	2	0	2	32	39	10
Scotland	4	1	0	3	28	47	10
Ireland	3	0	0	3	18	24	10

## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

# England-Scotland match will be bitterly fought

London, Apr. 4. The English and the Scots tackle each other on Saturday in one of their bitterest soccer battles since the games started 82 years ago. The reason: the archaic laws of British soccer. England's selectors can order players from English club teams to play for their country. So they get the best available team.

The Scots, Irish and Welsh selectors must first ask the permission of English teams before picking the men they want. If the clubs say "no"—then "no" it is and nobody can do anything about it.

This year Tottenham Hotspur, favourites for the English League Championship and a place in the European Cup, rejected Scotland's request for three men. Tottenham wanted the players for a League match against Everton on Saturday.

### Without 3 stars

So Scotland goes into the match at Glasgow's Hampden Park Stadium without three of its stars—against a full-strength England team.

Forward John White, half-back David MacKay and goalkeeper Bobby Brown are the three Tottenham stars missing a chance of playing for Scotland.

## RUGBY RESULTS

London, Apr. 4. Results of tonight's Rugby Union matches were: Lancashire 8, Swansea 3. Taunton 14, Lisieux (France) 3.—Reuter.

## E. ZONE DAVIS CUP

# India beat Ceylon

Colombo, Apr. 4. India won the doubles today and gained a winning 3-0 lead against Ceylon in the first round of the Eastern Zone of the Davis Cup.

Ramanathan Krishnan and Nares Kumar beat Bernard Pinto and Rupert Ferdinands 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

India will now meet Rhineland in the semi-final.—Reuter.

## Japan to play PI in Manila

Tokyo, Apr. 4. The Japan Lawn Tennis Association said today Japan has agreed to play the Philippines in Manila in the second round of the Far East Davis Cup tournament.

The Association said it has sent a reply on Sunday to the Philippine Lawn Tennis Association accepting the Manila site and April 23-25 date as requested by the Philippines. Japan play South Korea in the first round here on April 8-10.—AP.

## U.S. names Davis Cup squad

San Francisco, Apr. 4. Fourteen U.S. tennis players were selected today as possible members of the U.S. Davis Cup team.

Only two of them, Barry Mackay and Earl Bachholz, belonged to the team that last year was beaten by Australia in the Challenge round. Old-timers Tom Brown, 37, and Bernard "Pat" Borteen, 32, were also named.

Others in the group were: John Cranston, Chris Crawford, Donald Dell, Jon Douglas, Myron Franks, Jack Frost, Ronald Holmberg, Clifton Mayne, Charles McKinley and Whitney Reed.—AP.

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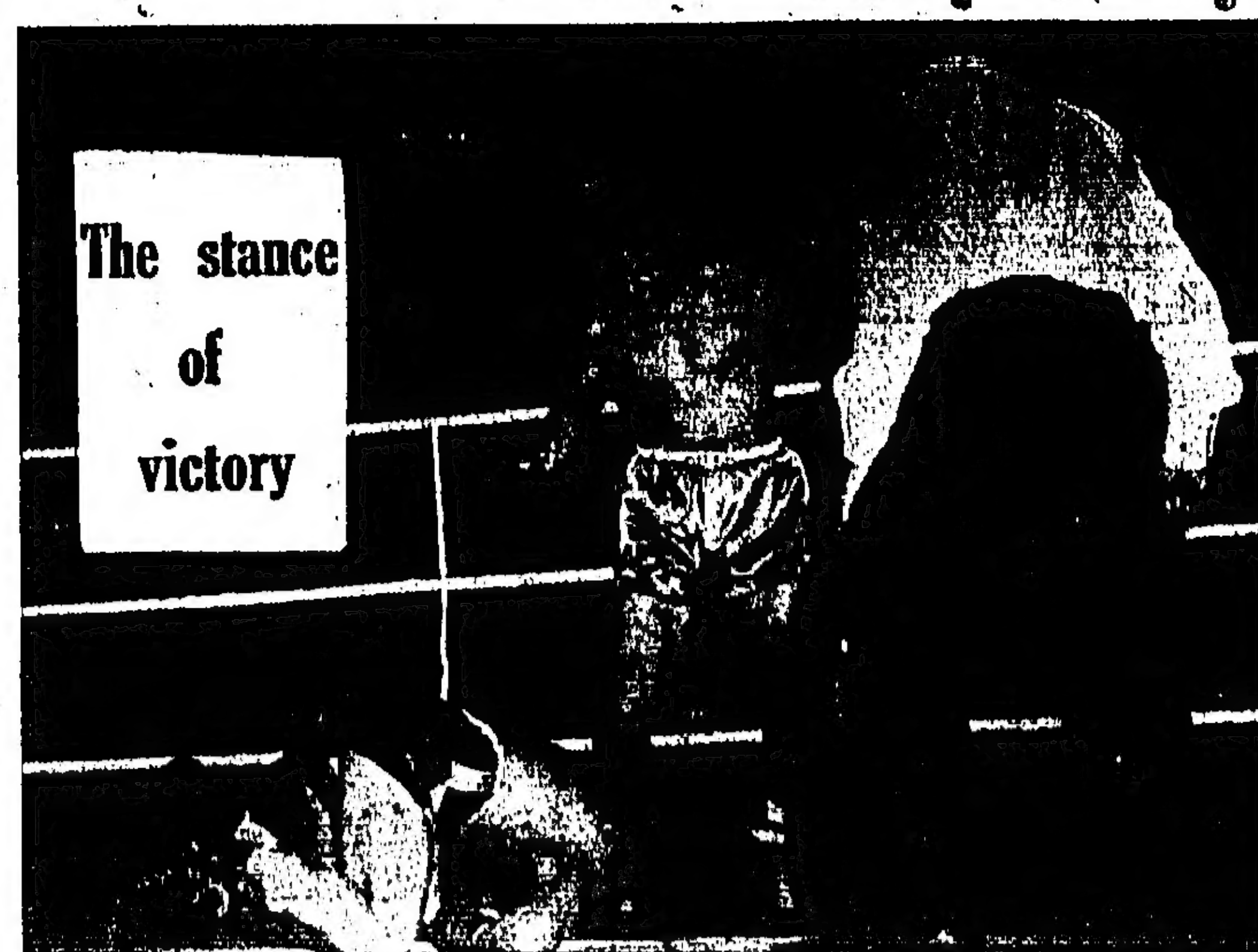
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Dave Charnley, the British and Empire lightweight champion, added the European crown to his titles at Wembley last week when he defeated the holder, Mario Vecchiato, of Italy, who retired in the tenth round. Photo shows the holder going down in the tenth round. He retired, with the new champion, Dave Charnley standing above him.—Central Press photo.

## WORLD'S TOP SHOTPUTTERS TO CLASH IN U.S. MEETING

Santa Barbara, Apr. 4. A trio of America's world record-breaking shotputters—Bill Nieder, Dallas Long and Parry O'Brien—will pit their strength against each other during the "Easter Relays" here on April 16.

Nieder set up the latest world record of 18.80 metres only last Saturday. Long had held it with 18.77 metres and O'Brien, who had held the world record for more than six years, recently cleared 18.83 metres.

Dave Davis, the only other American who has a shotput record up for world confirmation will not be competing. He cleared 19.46 metres last month.

O'Brien still holds the official world record with 19.30 metres.—AP.

## MILESTONES OF SPORT

# The 1949 Ryder Cup match

When the late Samuel Ryder, millionaire Hertfordshire seed merchant, presented a handsome trophy for competition every two years between the golfing professionals of Great Britain and the United States he could have hardly have visualised the spread of interest the contest would create or the intense atmosphere that would be generated over the passing years.

Now the Ryder Cup match is Big Business, never so surely emphasised as in the most recent meeting last year in California. The husky Americans just off their summer circus and the Innocents Abroad from Britain were dined and wined up and down the United States until they finally landed at lush Palm Springs and a fantastic golf club and course built out of the desert.

Far removed from this was the first Ryder Cup match after the last War. It took place at Ganton, Yorkshire, and was sponsored by the Scarborough Borough Council. Both sides were feeling their feet after the cessation of hostilities, but it was still a great occasion.

Ganton is a wonderful rolling course set in the Dales with a unique focal point at the ninth hole. Here six holes converge and upon a specially-built grandstand it was possible to watch almost half the day's play without moving.

### Formidable company

The Americans were a formidable company, captained by lanky Ed Dudley. There were Ben Hogan and Sam Snead, two of the greats of all time, picturesque Jimmy Demaret, who outvalued our own Max Faulkner in the variety and colouring of the outfit he wore, Ed Alexander and Leo Diegel, with his crab-like stance when putting.

Britain was captained by the late Charles Whitcombe, and he had his brother Reg with him. Dai Rees, destined to play in so many more of these matches, was there too, and so were Faulkner, the imperturbable chain-smoking Sam King, Dick Burton and Alf Padgham—all of them now, with the exceptions of Rees and maybe Faulkner regarded as the Old Guard.

Our hopes were high at the end of the first day for the foursmen had been halved, a much better result than was ever anticipated by our match-rusty professionals. Rees and Faulkner were the heroes for they actually beat Snead and

and Hogan by one hole—an undreamed-of accomplishment. So up bright and early on the second day with our hopes flying as high and proudly as the Union Jack on the clubhouse flagstaff. A glorious sunny day, with a cooling breeze off the North Sea coming in over South Bay. Miles of cars were streaming in from York in the West, Middlesbrough in the North and Hull in the South, but the stewarding was good and arrangements for crowd control had been well and truly made.

Wonder of wonders, at the end of eighteen holes when the players came in for lunch Britain stood ahead in five of the eight singles.

Also, the initiative was not maintained, and the first results to come in were depressing. First, second and third matches to the United States, then two for Britain. That was better. It was like a General Election and excitement was at fever pitch.

Then the two countries had one success each. The score six-five for America, and the home country needing to win the last game to make it a tie.

The game was between Snead and Faulkner, who had been down at the halfway stage. The American, however, was too steady, maintained his advantage over the final eighteen holes, and won for the United States to take the Cup by seven matches to five.

## UK soccer results

London, Apr. 4. Results of tonight's British football matches were:  
ENGLISH LEAGUE  
Division 1  
Mansfield 2, Coventry 4.  
SCOTTISH LEAGUE  
Division 1  
Dunfermline 1, Kilmarnock 0.  
(Postponed from April 2).—Reuter.

## THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



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## Dear Sir

### French Atomic test

You will probably permit me, the oldest French resident of Hongkong, and an old friend of the China Mail, accustomed to appreciate British fairplay, hospitality and courtesy, to express my full approval of the letter from the French Consul General, published by you last Thursday. The almost seventy years old President Charles de Gaulle, freely elected leader of France by an overwhelming majority, certainly knows what he is doing. He is not only a great Frenchman, but also a good citizen of the world. The scientists who help him in his arduous task, are not engaged in childish games at the expense of the taxpayers. I am convinced that all the members of the French community of Hongkong will concur with the views expressed so legitimately by our Consul General and will be approved also by all British citizens with a cold head and good judgment, loving fairplay.

MAURICE J. B. MONTAGIS,  
Off. Leg. Hon. etc.  
Hon. Counselor for Foreign  
French Trade.

A rehearsal for the Queen's Birthday parade was held in Jordan Road this morning. Representative units of the three Armed Services "paced out" the route to be taken on April 21.

## Big hauls by burglars

A thief broke into No. 270 Kilong Street, 1st floor between 11.30 p.m. yesterday and 5.50 a.m. today and stole a sum of money and a quantity of jewellery to a total value of \$1,288.

Another thief broke into Flat "G", Hankow Building, tenth floor, 46 Hankow Road between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday and stole a jade pendant, a pair of cuff-links and a sum of money to a total value of \$705.

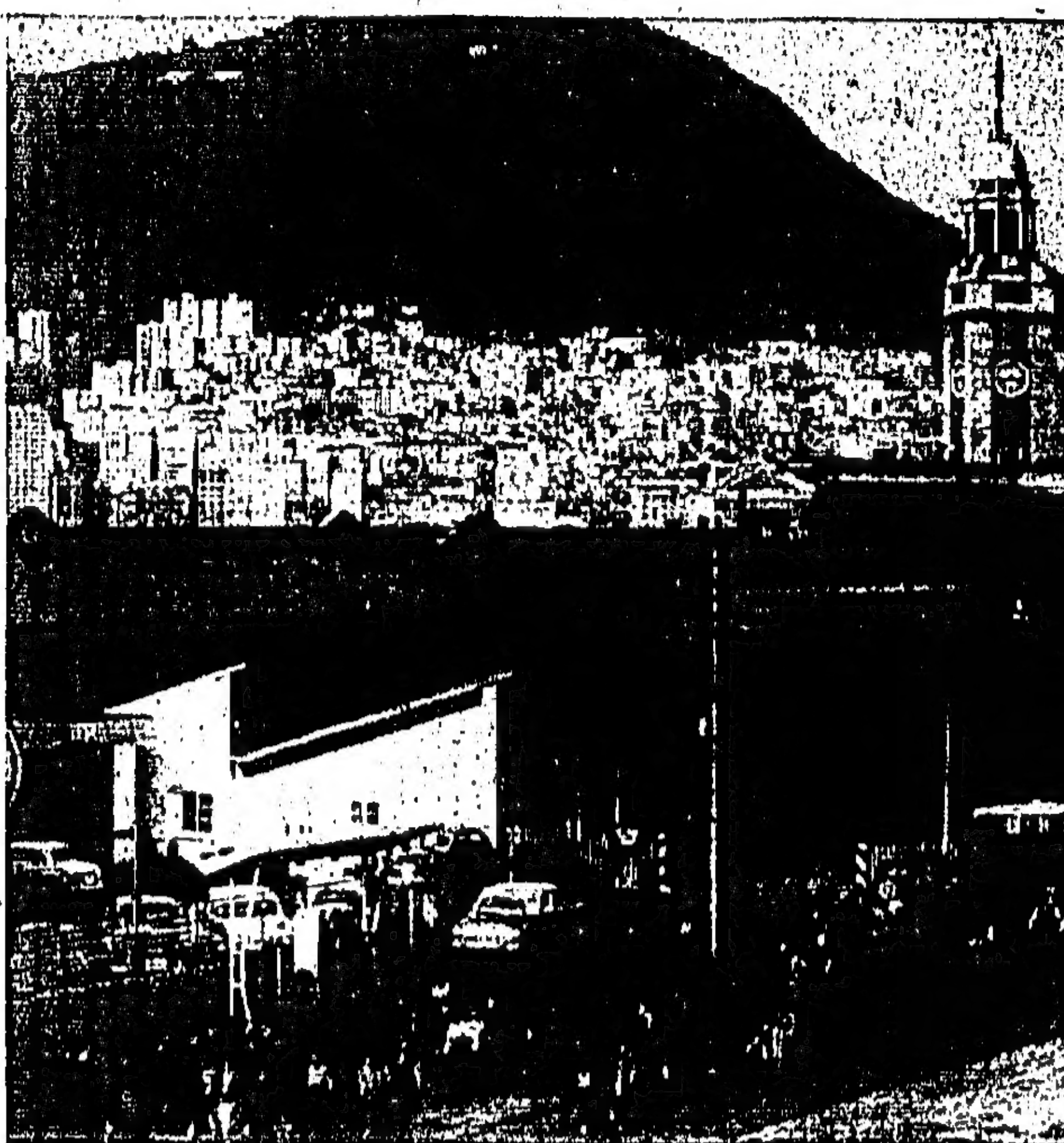
Two finger rings worth \$120 were stolen from No. 20 Tung Lung Street, 2nd floor yesterday afternoon.

## Dies after accident

A 67-year-old man, knocked down by a tram in front of the Hoover Theatre, Causeway Bay, at 3 p.m. yesterday, died seven hours later in Queen Mary Hospital.

Yiu Chee-hong was crossing Ewo Street when the accident occurred. He lived at 38 Mody Road, ground floor, Kowloon.

## MEN FIGHT IN FESTIVAL QUEUE



Thousands of gift-laden Chinese crowded in a long line along Salisbury Road, Kowloon, this morning to wait for transport to the New Territories and China.

The Chinese are travelling to their ancestors' graves to mark the annual Ching Ming festival.

The queue started early last night and hundreds camped on the roadside near Kowloon station.

Shortly after 11 a.m. today, a stir was caused when two middle-aged men in the queue exchanged punches.

A large crowd surged around the men as they rolled on the ground, but were quickly dispersed by police.

Apart from this single incident, the huge crowd which stretched 80 yards past the intersection of Salisbury and Nathan Roads was extremely orderly.

From the Files

**25 years AGO**

April, 1935

AN extract from "Old Hongkong" by Colonel: "No history of the Colony would be complete without a reference to the recurring water shortages; or the reservoir schemes which were necessitated by a rapidly increasing population — though the supply has never quite kept pace with the growth of the demand.

"The first water shortage of real gravity was in 1888. However shortages of varying intensity were experienced at even earlier dates. A drought in 1883 drew comment in the press. Many streams and wells dried up. Flowers withered — to the despair of the organisers of the Flower Show — and the concern of Hongkongites of those years was not for their own drinking needs but only for the flowers.

"The 1888 shortage was however a bad one. The poorer class Chinese, resorted to the meagre, filthy trickles coming down the gutters, and sickness became rife. Heavy rain in the late summer relieved the situation in the nick of time.

"The next bad shortage was experienced in 1902. An extract from the Hongkong Telegraph of May 5 reported: "Though all are naturally complaining of the great inconvenience occasioned by the scarcity of water it cannot be denied that the grumblings from upper levels are not so worrisome as the wailings from the tidal dens of West Point and Wanchai.

"There it is that the results of a drought are felt with an acuteness unknown to those whose greatest trouble is the loss of a morning tub; there it is that the struggle for existence continues with a keenness unknown in other places; and there it is that an efficient supply of water is needed to stave off the many diseases to which the native community are such ready victims."

HOWEVER records show an early concern of the Governors of Hongkong. Previous to the year 1856, water was obtained either from wells or by damming up the streams and leading the water by pipes to places where required.

To supplement this supply it was suggested to lead water from Pokfulam Road around the hill to the city, and to intercept any other streams that could be taken into the aqueduct. But the Governor of that time did not consider it was the Government's affair to construct works for the purpose of supplying water to the inhabitants of the city, and suggested that a company should be formed to carry out these works; and it was therefore not until the following year, when a change of Government occurred, that a prize was awarded for the best waterworks scheme submitted to the Government.

A committee was formed to examine the various schemes submitted, and they recommended one proposing to construct a dam at Pokfulam originally capable of retaining thirty million gallons of water; but this was reduced to a reservoir holding two million gallons which was connected by 10 inch pipes with two large tanks situated above Tai Ping Shan and known as No 1 and No 2 tanks. These works were estimated to cost \$170,000.

The water from this source was to supply the western and central districts of the city, the eastern districts still being fed by water from streams above it.

## No real freedom in Taipei

Nationalist Chinese in Taipei enjoy no real freedom, a visiting German Professor said today.

He is Dr Peter Schoeller of the West German University of Muenster, who left Hongkong today by Air India.

Dr Schoeller, a lecturer in geography and political science has been on a tour of the Far East to gather material for a book.

Mr Schoeller, who was in Taipei for one week said that he was surprised to find the complete lack of freedom in the Nationalist capital.

"Everybody seemed frightened to speak freely.

"The capital is riddled with petty confidence men and criminals," he said.

On the other hand, Dr Schoeller said that he was most impressed with the political set-up in Japan.

"Everything seems to run smoothly in Japan under the present set-up and despite many reports that there are still strong feelings against the Americans, I found nothing at all to back this up."

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"In Hongkong where the political set-up is extremely unique, I was amazed to find it running like clock-work. There seems to be a feeling of well-being and prosperity despite the obvious problem of the refugees."

Dr Schoeller will now return to his University in West Germany.

## Alleged assault at Rennie's Mill

Four people, members of the Rennie's Mill Camp, were charged with wounding Hung Chiu-yau following an assault on Hung on March 12 at the camp.

Three of the defendants, Chiu Lai-chun, 75, and two women, Chiu Chau-sze, 41, and Chiu Wong-sze, 65, appeared before Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning.

Detective Inspector D. J. Batts told Mr Cons that the other defendant, Chiu Sze-chun, 46, was unable to appear in Court as he was now under treatment at the mental hospital.

Hung Chiu-yau testified that he went to see the four accused as they owed him \$380.

He was chased away on three occasions on March 9, 10, and 11.

On March 12, he said that he told them he would see them after his dinner and when he was passing through a lane on his way to their house that night, he was stopped by the second defendant's eldest son and told to sit down.

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"As I was about to sit down, I was assaulted by him and then the other defendants came up and joined in the assault," Hung continued.

Hung said that he tried to run away but did not succeed and "I ran in front of the old man (second defendant) and knelt down before him to beg for leniency," he added.

He said that he fainted after that and when he regained his consciousness, he was in Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr H. L. Ho, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam of P. L. Lam and Co., is appearing for defendants.

Detective Inspector D. J. Batts is appearing for the prosecution. Hearing continues this afternoon.

## KOWLOON FASHION SHOW

"April Affair," will be presented by the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce and Paquerette Ltd., tomorrow, at 5.45 p.m. at the Miramar Assembly Hall, Kowloon.

The fashion show is under the patronage of Lady Black and has been organised to raise funds to be devoted to a Juvenile World Refugee Year Project.

Ten attractive models will display the latest fashions, both Chinese and European.

**Temperatures back to normal**

The first break in this year's freak cold snap came today when temperatures returned to normal.

The reading at 11 a.m. was 69.6 degrees, only slightly below average.

Minimum temperature was at 9 a.m. when the mercury dropped to 60.8 degrees.

The Royal Observatory predicts that fine and warm weather will follow for the next few days.

Shortly before noon Repulse Bay Hotel reported a sprinkling of swimmers of Repulse Bay beach.

The general forecast is for fine, warm weather with moderate north easterly winds.

## Cruise liner arrives

The 34,000-ton luxury Cunard liner Caronia arrived at daybreak with 500 round-the-world tourists on board for a two-day stopover.

The visitors are mostly Americans with a sprinkling of Britons, Portuguese, Canadians, and South Americans.

The Hongkong Regiment Band played at the quayside.

In a fleet of 160 taxis, the visitors will tour the New Territories today and the Island tomorrow.

Their programme will be topped off with a night tour to all vantage points in the Colony.

They will also dine at a leading Chinese restaurant in Wanchai.

Mr W. N. Woolley, Manager of Thomas Cook attributed fast clearing of tourists to efficient handling by Port authorities, Immigration and the Traffic Bureau.

**House fire**

A small fire broke out in a house inside a timber store at Kowloon Inland Lot 955, Anchor Street, Tai Kok Tsui, at 7.30 this morning.

The blaze, put out in 15 minutes by Fire Brigade, damaged a small quantity of bedding and clothing.

No casualties were reported.

## Bishop Hall adviser to HK social service group

Bishop R. O. Hall has been appointed Honorary Adviser of the Hongkong Council of Social Service.

This followed his intimation at yesterday's first meeting of the new executive committee that he did not want to be re-elected.

Bishop Hall is one of the founder members of the Council.

For the first time, a Chinese Vice-Chairman, Dr S. H. Pang was elected. Father P. J. Howatson was re-elected European Vice-Chairman.

The eleven members of the committee for this year are Mrs D. C. Trench, the Rev. J. Foster, Dr Elbert C. M. K. Brook Bernacchi, Mr. F. K. Wheeler, Mrs J. Sanderson, Miss Ko Siu Wah, the Rev. K. L. Stumpf, Fr. P. J. Howatson, Dr S. H. Pang, Mr J. Addinson, Mr Tse Yu Chuen, Mr Wong Ching Yau and Col F. E. Jewkes.

**Boy wounded**

A Chinese boy was injured at about 11.50 a.m. yesterday when he was assaulted by another boy with a pen-knife outside 50 Lockhart Road. The victim was treated at Queen Mary Hospital but was not detained.

The Police have detained a boy for questioning.

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## Gave birth in court

Chicago, Apr. 4. Mrs Rita Eakes, 17, gave birth to a girl today in a criminal court jury room while her husband was being arraigned in the next room on two burglary charges.

"Monday always is a busy day in court," an employee said.

Mrs Eakes had come to attend the arraignment of her husband, Frank, 20, before Judge Richard B. Austin—UPI.

## Charged with hunting bird

A Water Works Department fitter, Lin Tung, 44, this morning appeared before Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Court on charges of hunting a wild bird and possession of a trap for the purpose of hunting a wild bird.

Lin pleaded not guilty and hearing was fixed for April 14.

The offence was alleged to have taken place at the Hongkong University grounds yesterday.

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